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RE: RIO VERDE UTILITIES, INC. - APPLICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE AND
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING. DOCKET NOS.: WS-02156A-00-
0321 AND WS-02156A-00-0323

Dear Mr. Sallquist:

In reference to your rate application received on May 11, 2000, this letter is to inform you that your application has met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103. The filing is in compliance with the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("Commission") requirements as of June 9, 2000 for purposes of A.A.C. 14-2-103.B.7. The Docket Number of your Rate Application is WS-02156A-00-0321 and your request for Approval of Financing is WS-02156A-00-0323. Your utility has been classified as Class B.

Barring any substantial amendments to the filing or extraordinary events the Staff Report or Testimony regarding this application should be docketed on or about December 6, 2000, and a Commission Decision rendered on or before June 2, 2001.

The Staff person assigned to your application is Ronald E. Ludders, and he can be reached at (602) 542-0857, or in-state, toll free, at 1 800-222-7000, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature: Linda A. Jaress]

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